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## SPRING PLANTING IN MECKLENBURG TO COVER 710,000 HECTARES

300,000 HECTARES FOR SUMMER GRAIN, LEGUMES -- Landes-Zeitung, No 68, 21 Mar 50

This year's spring planting in Mecklenburg will extend over an area of 710,000 hectares, an increase of 24,500 hectares over 1949.

A total of 300,000 hectares of summer grain, legumes, and summer oil plants, 177,000 hectares of potatoes, and 118,000 hectares of fodder and soil improvement crops will be raised.

Mecklenburg machine-lending stations will make 2,000 tractors available, and another 2,000 tractors are owned by people-owned and other farm enter-

COMPLETE FIRST PHASE OF SPRING PLANTING -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 88, 15 Apr 50

Planting of summer grains and leguminous plants has been completed in all Laender of the German Democratic Republic with the exception of Mecklenburg, where work was retarded because of unfavorable weather conditions.

Work on the second phase of the spring planting program, namely, planting of root crops, has already begun in the various Laender.

MECKLENBURG TO HOLD AGRICULTURAL SHOW -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 77, 31 Mar 50

An agricultural exhibition for Land Mecklenburg will be held in Guestrow from 18 - 21 May. The chief attraction will be a livestock show, in which 1,400 horses, large and small animals, and beehives will be on exhibition.

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TO EXPAND AGRICULTURAL AREA -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 79, 2 Apr 50

The East German Ministry for Agriculture and Forestry is planning to implement a program for the expansion and improvement of agricultural land by means of water control.

Water-distributing installations are to be restored over an area of 78,900 hectares, and new hydraulic installations will be set up over an area of 26,000 hectares. Ten thousand hectares of wasteland are to be brought under cultivation.

FOUNDS AGROBIOLOGICAL WORK COOPERATIVE -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 72, 25 Mar 50

A new Michurin work cooperative has been founded under the direction of Prof Schneider (fnu) of the Friedrich Schiller University in Jena. The group will exploit the new agrobiological findings of Soviet scientists and will act as consultants to agricultural enterprises and to people-owned farms and seed-growing stations

1,846 PERSONS ENGAGED IN SERICULTURE -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 74, 28 Mar 50

A total of 15,500 kilograms of new cocoons were raised in the German Democratic Republic in 1949, 13,000 kilograms of which were first-grade quality. Sachsen produced 6,000, Brandenburg 4,000, Sachsen-Anhalt 3,450, Mecklenburg, 1,500, and Thueringen 550 kilograms. At present, 1,846 persons are engaged in sericulture in the German Democratic Republic. Silk delivered to silkworm raisers in 1949 in return for their cocoons amounted to 4,500 meters, with a value of 65,000 Deutsche marks.

The Jena silkworm-breeding station made  $2^{l_{\! 4}}$  kilograms of eggs available in 1949.

OFFERS DISCOUNTS ON FARM PAYMENTS -- Thueringer Volk, No 71, 24 Mar 50

The Thueringen Finance Ministry has informed its new farmers that they will receive substantial price reductions if they pay for their land now. Originally, payments were supposed to be made within 10 or 20 years. Now a 10-percent reduction is offered to those farmers who pay their balance before 30 March 1950, a 6-percent reduction to those who pay before 31 December 1950, and a 3-percent reduction to those who pay before 31 December 1951.

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